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1. ALTHOUGH SIMULTANEOUS TELECASTS APPROVED BY GRAHAM COMPANY UNDER TERMS STATED IN CONTRACT, RECENT EXPERIENCES OF DANCE COMPANY TELEVISED LIVE AT WOLF TRAP PERFORMING ARTS CENTER DEMONSTRATE THIS PROCEDURE UNWISE.

2. HOSTILE AUDIENCES DURING PAST WEEKEND FILMING OF ELIOT FELD BALLET COMPANY HOWLED AT CAMERAMAN TO LOWER CAMERA SINCE PORTION OF STAGE BLOCKED. AUDIENCES HISSED AND BOOED TELEVISION CREW, LIGHTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GRANT TO COVER LIVE PERFORMANCES AND SOME DEMANDED MONEY BACK. INTERMISSIONS DELAYED TO ADJUST LIGHTS AND STAGE AND WHOLE EVENING TERMED "A DISASTER" BY CP STAFFERS WHO ATTENDED.

3. HOPE POST WILL RECONSIDER TELEVISION COVERAGE. KISSINGER

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